

Group II, claims 3-7, directed to a magneto-optical recording medium, with an intermediate layer for adjusting magnetostatic coupling force.

Applicant elects Group I, with the following traverse:

As previously noted, claims 3-7 are directed to an embodiment in which coupling between the readout and recording layers is by magnetostatic coupling, which is brought about by a "magnetostatic coupler" which interferes with exchange coupling between the layers. This "layer" which interferes with exchange coupling may be simply a collection of impurities at the interface of the recording and readout layers. This interfering layer is not the same as the "intermediate magnetic layer" which adjusts a magnetic coupling force between readout and recording layer. In fact, the magneto-optical recording medium of Claim 1 could be used in a magnetostatically coupled device. With this clarification, Applicant agrees with the Restriction Requirement insofar as the magnetostatic coupled medium is a distinct embodiment from the exchange coupled medium.

Reissue Declaration

Applicant submits that the Examiner's remarks with respect to the Reissue Declaration are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 3-7.

Original Letters Patent

Applicant is in the process of obtaining the original Letters Patent, and will submit the original Letters Patent, or a statement as to their loss or inaccessibility, upon indication that all of the pending claims are allowable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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